

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Paragraph at page 21, line 3 from bottom to page 22, line:

In this Comparative Example, a sample was prepared as in Example 2 except that silica was coated onto the surfaces of the copper particles. The resulting sample was subjected to thermal analysis under the same conditions as those in Example 2. As a result, it was found that a reduction in the weight of the sample was not observed, and no resin was attached to the copper particles. The results indicated that adsorption treatment for allowing the polymerizable groups to adsorb directly onto the surfaces of the copper particles with a silane ~~silica~~ coupling agent resulted in no adsorption of the polymerizable groups to the copper particles, and subsequent resin-coating treatment resulted in no attachment of the polymeric resin to the surfaces of the copper particles.